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SUBJ: COLOMBIAN INTERVIEW WITH VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ

1. VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ RECENTLY GRANTED AN EXCLUSIVE FILMED INTERVIEW TO COLOMBIAN REPORTER MARGARITA VIDAL WHICH WAS AIRED ON COLOMBIAN TV JULY 16 AND PRINTED IN EL TIEMPO ON JULY 17.

2. ON THE VENEZUELAN-COLOMBIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS DISPUTE, PEREZ SAID THAT HE BELIEVES NEGOTIATIONS ARE FOLLOWING A PATH WHICH WILL LEAD TO AN AGREEMENT BENEFICIAL TO BOTH COUNTRIES, AND HE HOPES THAT HE AND PRESIDENT LOPEZ WILL REACH A SOLUTION BEFORE THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE ARE COMPLETED. PEREZ STATED THAT THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL FRONTIER CROSSING AND UNDOCUMENTED COLOMBIAN WORKERS IN VENEZUELA HAS NO SOLUTION FOR THE TIME BEING. HE SAID THAT VENEZUELA REMAINS OPEN TO THE ANDEAN PACT AND VIEWS IT AS A STEP IN THE PROCESS OF LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION. ON OIL, PEREZ ADMITTED THAT "VENEZUELA ALONE CANNOT MAANAGE ITS, PETROLEUM INDUSTRIES", BUT HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE OIL IA A RESOURCE OVER WHICH VENEZUELA WOULD EXERCISE ABSOLUTE OWNERSHIP. HE ADDED THAT OIL COULD BE USED AS A TOOL TO PROMOTE L. A. SOLIDARITY THROUGH SPECIAL FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS LIKE THOSE NOW IN EFFECT WITH CERTAIN

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3. TEXTS OF THE INTERVIEW ARE BEING POUCHED TO  
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